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**Via ECFS – Notice of Ex Parte Communications**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 07-135, and CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 28, 2018, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Wendy Thompson Fast of Consolidated Companies (collectively, Nebraska A-CAM Companies), and I met separately with Travis Litman, Office of Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, and with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and his legal advisor Arielle Roth regarding the draft order in the above-referenced docket that is scheduled to be voted at the December agenda meeting.<sup>1</sup>

During the meeting, the Nebraska A-CAM Companies expressed their full support for adoption of a voluntary offer of additional funding up to \$200/month per location for existing A-CAM recipients, with modified deployment obligations, as set forth in the draft order. They also indicated that they support extending a new offer of A-CAM support to all companies not currently receiving A-CAM support and would not limit such an offer to those companies that would receive less support under the model than their current support. Extending a new offer of A-CAM support to all companies, for high-cost areas that are not competitively served, would result in significantly more broadband deployment and advance the Commission’s longstanding public policy objective of providing universal service support based on forward-looking efficient costs.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there are questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund*, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC-CIRC1812-02 (Public Draft Nov. 21, 2018).

cc: Commissioner Michael O’Rielly  
Arielle Roth  
Travis Litman